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1. GEORGE WILSON REPORTS THAT DUE TO HEAVY AGENDA AT MUCIA MARCH 25 MEETING, THE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER (ASC) WAS NOT DISCUSSED AND TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING APRIL 22. WILSON EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT BUT HE STILL BELIEVES AN AGREEMENT CAN BE SIGNED IN WARSAW THIS SUMMER PROVIDED MUCIA'S EARLIER EXPRESSION OF INTENT TO SUPPORT THE ASC IS CONFIRMED AND SPELLED OUT IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL FOR PRESENTATION TO THE POLES.

2. WILSON IS CONCERNED ABOUT ILLINOIS' ABILITY TO CARRY OUT ITS PROMISED SUPPORT. ALTHOUGH ILLINOIS WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ANOTHER POLISH HISTORIAN IN 76/77 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE FINANCIAL PRESSURES AT URBANA MAKE SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR QUESTIONABLE. IF ILLINOIS CANNOT SUPPORT THE PROJECT, THEN ONLY SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR MUCIA TO SPONSOR ASC AND GET ITS MEMBER UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT.

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3. WILSON HAS NOT GONE BEYOND INDIANA SYSTEM IN SEEKING
REPLACEMENT FOR HEDIN, SINCE INDIANA BELIEVES IT SHOULD

HAVE ONE OF ITS SCHOLARS AT WARSAW IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY ITS
PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, WILSON IS WILLING TO GO OUTSIDE
INDIANA TO SEEK REPLACEMENT AS LAST RESORT, IF HEDIN
UNABLE TO EXTEND. PLEASE ADVISE RE HEDIN'S PLANS. KISSINGER

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